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SUBJECT: GOG RESPONSE ON TRANSPARENCY CLAUSE DEMARCHE

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PolOff delivered reftel points to MFA Multilateral Affairs Director Sylvia Corado on July 6. According to Corado, both Vice-Minister Marta Altolaguirre and Vice-Minister Carlos Ramiro Martinez will attend the July 8-9 Meeting of the States Parties to the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption in Managua. Charge also attempted to contact Vice-Minister Jorge Skinner-Klee to discuss reftel points, but the Vice-Minister is currently out of the country. PolOff consulted several times with Corado on July 7, but the MFA has not made an official decision regarding their position on the inclusion of a transparency clause in the text of the Declaration of Managua. However, Corado unofficially believes that the GOG will be able to support the clause's inclusion. Corado will contact PolOff when the MFA has determined their position.

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